



# 2007 Census of Agriculture



Sod Harvested - United States and Top 10 States						
Rank	State	2007			2002	
		Number of Farms	Acres	Value of Sales	Number of Farms	Acres
	<b>United States</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>409,440</b>	<b>\$1,353,422,529</b>	<b>2,124</b>	<b>386,504</b>
1	Florida	193	84,430	\$175,945,432	235	67,370
2	Texas	164	36,805	\$99,564,546	205	38,341
3	Georgia	103	28,647	\$84,190,951	92	24,653
4	Alabama	97	23,722	\$58,129,093	96	25,805
5	California	55	19,087	\$252,476,652	62	15,909
6	Oklahoma	71	17,871	\$40,923,250	95	17,846
7	South Carolina	51	14,963	\$31,275,036	27	14,027
8	Illinois	29	13,879	\$31,755,548	40	7,994
9	North Carolina	87	13,496	\$45,598,333	87	10,952
10	Tennessee	52	11,329	(D)	56	8,419

## Notes:

- In the United States, there were 1,881 farms growing sod in 2007 compared to 2,124 in 2002, a **decrease** of **11%**. However, there were 409,440 acres of sod in 2007 compared to 386,504 in 2002, an **increase** of **6%**.
- In **Florida**, there were 193 farms growing sod in 2007 compared to 235 in 2002, a **decrease** of **18%**. However, there were 84,430 acres of sod in 2007 compared to 67,370 in 2002, an **increase** of **25%**.
- Florida** ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the number of sod farms and in sod acres; California ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in value of sales.

Sod Harvested - Florida and Top 15 Counties						
Rank	County	2007			2002	
		Number of Farms	Acres	Value of Sales	Number of Farms	Acres
	<b>Florida</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>84,430</b>	<b>\$175,945,432</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>67,370</b>
1	Osceola	14	14,250	\$23,122,795	18	8,484
2	Highlands	11	12,616	\$23,883,188	9	7,182
3	Palm Beach	17	11,440	\$27,883,070	12	8,016
4	Brevard	3	5,798	(D)	4	(D)
5	DeSoto	7	4,560	(D)	9	5,180
6	Okeechobee	15	3,824	(D)	17	2,015
7	Polk	7	3,442	\$6,634,811	4	2,017
8	Manatee	9	2,305	\$3,102,005	7	2,030
9	Flagler	8	1,900	(D)	7	(D)
10	Charlotte	4	1,870	\$2,814,400	3	420
11	St. Johns	6	1,504	\$2,393,171	5	445
12	Lake	3	1,300	\$2,435,000	3	1,000
13	Hardee	5	1,286	\$690,896	17	3,136
14	Hillsborough	4	1,153	\$2,307,969	10	2,736
15	Gadsden	9	983	\$1,609,000	6	289

## Notes:

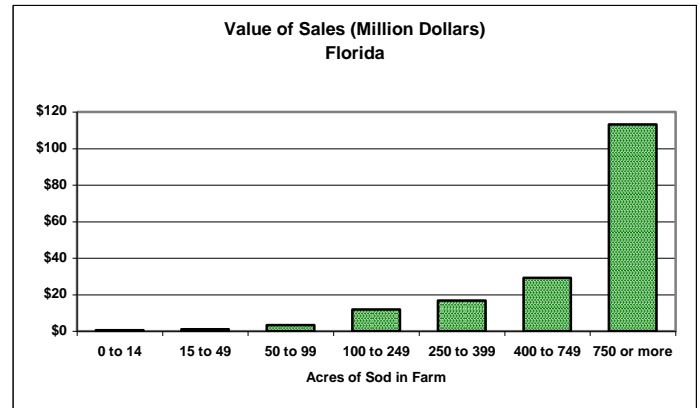
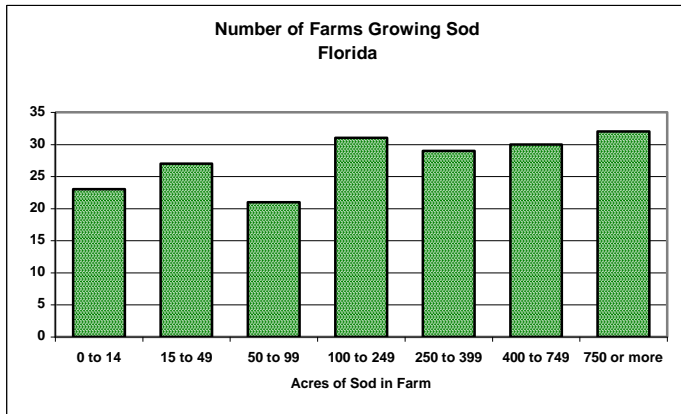
- In Osceola County there were 14 farms growing sod in 2007 compared to 18 in 2002. However, there were 14,250 acres of sod in 2007 compared to 8,484 in 2002, an **increase** of **68%**.
- In Osceola County there were 11 farms growing sod in 2007 compared to 9 in 2002, and 12,616 acres of sod in 2007 compared to 7,182 in 2002, an **increase** of **76%**.
- Palm Beach County ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the number of sod farms and in value of sales; Osceola ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in acres harvested.



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Sod - Florida, Farms, Area, and Sales by Size of Farm			
Sod Acres in Farm	Number of Farms	Acres	Value of Sales
All Farms	193	84,430	\$175,945,432
0 to 14	23	128	\$502,189
15 to 49	27	845	\$1,066,344
50 to 99	21	1,454	\$3,241,096
100 to 249	31	4,768	\$11,901,906
250 to 399	29	9,039	\$16,820,538
400 to 749	30	15,477	\$29,179,759
750 or more	32	52,719	\$113,233,600



## Notes:

- Of the 193 sod farms in Florida, 50 (26%) have less than 50 acres, and 23 (12%) have less than 15 acres.
- 62 of the 193 sod farms (32%) have 400 acres or more, and 32 (17%) have 750 acres or more
- The 50 sod farms with less than 50 acres reported value of sales of just \$1.6 million.
- The 62 sod farms with 400 or more acres reported value of sales of \$132.4 million.

## About the 2007 Census of Agriculture

The Census of Agriculture :

- has been conducted 27 times in the years 1840-2007
- is conducted every 5 years (years ending in 2 and 7)
- is mandated by the Census of Agriculture Act of 1997, Public Law 105-113
- is conducted in all 50 States and in all U.S. territories
- covers all 3,141 counties in the United States

All data for the 2007 Census of Agriculture are available on-line at <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov>

Assistance accessing or using the Census data is available from:

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